MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement† giving the information required by the member is laid on the table.

List of water-ways in the Parur and Kunnatnad Taluks.

354. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a list is kept of the water-ways excluding the Periyar and its branches, canals and tanks used for irrigation purposes in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad;

(*b*) if so, whether they will lay it on the table;

(*c*) if there is no such list, whether they will direct the proper authorities to prepare such a list and lay it on the table at an early date;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the extent of these water-ways, canals and tanks has, in several instances, been diminished by gradual encroachments and registration of the same in the names of private individuals; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that, owing to the causes mentioned in part (*d*), and to want of proper repair of these irrigation sources, the utility of these water-ways, etc., has been considerably lessened?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A list of the water-ways, canals and tanks is kept in the Parur taluk and a similar list for the Kunnatnad taluk is under preparation.

(*b*) A copy of the list‡ kept in the Parur taluk is laid on the table.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) above.

(*d*) No portion of these water-ways, canals and tanks is registered unless the occupation is found unobjectionable. When encroachments are made and the occupation is found objectionable, the occupants are evicted under the provisions of the Land Conservancy Regulation.

(*e*) The Government are not aware of this. The repairs to these water-ways, etc., are attended to wherever found necessary.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): May I know which department is authorised to make these repairs to water-ways etc?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The public water-ways which are in the charge of the Public works Department will be attended to by that department. But there are some minor channels which are in the charge of the Revenue Department.

MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the Department of Public Works has been supplied with a list of these canals and other things?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that point. The Department of Public Works have a list of those which are in their charge.

Sale of Liquor Shops at Karukutti.

355. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

† *Vide* Appendices IX—page 638. ‡ *Vide* Appendix X—pages 639-641.

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(*a*) whether they are aware that a number of liquor shops at Karukutti near Ankamali have not been sold in auction this year, 1104;

(*b*) that persons from distant places have been engaged by the Excise officers for running these shops;

(*c*) whether it is with their knowledge or with the knowledge of the Excise Commissioner that the Excise officers have adopted such means and engaged people from other places to conduct liquor shops at Karukutti; and

(*d*) whether there is any provision in the rules of the Excise Department to the effect that even by the adoption of such means liquor shops should be established in all places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Two toddy shops remained unsold at Karukutti during the auction held in 1103.

(*b*) The shops were purchased by one Ouseph Ouseph of Ankamali. Ankamali and Karukutti are adjacent villages.

(*c*) The offers for the above shops were accepted in the usual course of business.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

Preparation of a new Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill.

356. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have prepared a draft bill different from the draft bill prepared by the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee;

(*b*) by whom their Jenmi-Kudiyan draft bill has been prepared as also the urgent reasons for having such a bill prepared rejecting the draft bill of the Committee;

(*c*) (i) the year and date on which the said draft bill has been prepared by them;

(ii) whether it has been published for public opinion;

(iii) if so, the year and date of such publication, as also whether any opinions on the draft bill have been received by them either from the *Jenmies* or from the *Kudiyans*; and

(iv) if so, the nature of the same; and

(*d*) (i) the year and date on which the present Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation was brought into force;

(ii) whether they have made any amendments to it at any time subsequently; and

(iii) if so, what they are, as also the date of each amendment?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): (*a*) and (*c*) A draft bill to amend the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation has been prepared under the orders of the Government. It was approved by them on the 22nd March 1924. The bill has been published as all bills are published, in the *Government Gazette* (*Vide Gazette* dated the 25th March 1924). Opinions regarding the bill have been received from both the *Jenmies* and the *Kudiyans*. Both expressed dissatisfaction with the proposals in the bill.

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